GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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RIVER TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any survey of the potential of River Tourism in any area in the country;

(b) if so, the names of the rivers where survey has been conducted;

(c) whether any funds have been allocated to the State Government for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the details of steps proposed to increase River Tourism?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) & (b) : Based on the techno-economic feasibility studies, Government of India declared three National Waterways namely the Ganga, the Brahmaputra and the West Coast Canal.

(c) & (d) : Development of tourism including river tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State/U.T. Government concerned. However, Central Department of Tourism extends financial assistance to specified tourism projects prioritised in consultation with the State/U.T. Governments. For promotion of river tourism financial assistance is given toStates/U.Ts for procurement of cruise vessels, boats, catamaran, rice boats, house boats, glass bottom boats, water sports equipment etc.